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Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water

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Dear Dr Rowston

Thank you for your correspondence to the Minister for the Environment and Water, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, concerning alleged illegal clearing and mining at the proposed Vulcan South Mine site, currently subject to *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* referral EPBC 2023/09708 and assessment. . Minister Plibersek has asked me to thank you for your correspondence and to reply on her behalf.

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water takes allegations of illegal land clearing seriously. I can inform you that the matter is subject of an ongoing investigation. To maintain the integrity of the investigation, it would not be appropriate for me to provide any further detail at this point in time. However, the images you have provided will be provided to the staff with carriage of the matter.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to the government's attention.

Yours sincerely

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